

Events and Christian Enrichment



This Tuesday, February 7th at 11:30 am
Bargain Box fashion show and luncheon.

Models are members of our congregation. Let us show you how to look and feel spectacular from our Bargain Box treasures. Reserve your seat by signing up in the Gathering Place at today's coffee hour or in the church office tomorrow.

So What Faith ~ Bring a cup of coffee and join in this informal discussion group about matters of faith that matter; the implications of the sermon, blog posts (SEE www.sowhatfaith.com) from the prior week, or any topic of interest currently in the news. Join our Director of Adult Education, Dr. Greg Smith, for the next four Sundays of conversation from **10:15 – 11:00 am in NH 101**. Registration is not required.

Palette Pals ~ Meet the Artists of the month, Bitsy Amick and Beverly Duncan, **today in the library after both services**. Their work is on display beginning today in the library and the hallway adjacent to the Sanctuary. Our monthly meeting is on **Monday, February 6th at 11 am**, followed with a pastel demo led by Gerry Roeder. Those who wish to stay for the demo should bring a sack lunch. The Demo will begin at 1:00 pm.

Reminiscing: Remembering Anew ~ Reminiscing is a natural part of our lives. We will gather to share important memories and listen to those of others. We will invite remembrances from all seasons of life. Join retired teacher and counselor Dr. Al Hannigan for **4 interactive sessions in NH 103 on Mondays from 9:00 – 10:00 am beginning February 6th**. Advance registration is required. Please call the church office at 239-261-5469.

Speaking Christian ~ **Last class!** Join Dr. Patterson for a discussion of Marcus Borg's new book, which seeks to offer a 'Christian primer' on the key ideas of our tradition. **2:00 pm or 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 9th in NH 104**. Registration is not required. The book may be purchased at Barnes and Noble.

Men's Coffee & Conversation ~ Thursday, February 9th at 10 am. This month's discussion will be based on an article by John Mackey, CEO of Whole Foods Market entitled: "Conscious Capitalism, Creating a New Paradigm for Business". Copies of the article are available at the receptionist's desk in the church office.

Progressive Memory Loss ~ How do you know if your senior moments are normal aging or memory loss? Dr. Bill Beckwith, memory expert and Naples Daily News columnist, will give you the facts on how your memory is working and what you can do to protect yourself. He will provide you with effective, easy to use, and practical memory techniques to monitor and improve your memory. Join Dr. Beckwith for his presentation on **Thursday, February 9th from 2:00 – 3:30 pm in NH 207**. Advance registration is not required.

Singles Lunch ~ The Singles will meet for lunch after the second service at Brio's in Waterside Shops on **February 26th**. Please sign up at our Sunday coffee hour or call Susie Burtch at 239-263-4645.

Book Club ~ **Will meet on Monday February 27th, 2:00 pm, in NH 104.** "Missing Mila, Finding Family" by Margaret Ward. Facilitator: Margaret Ward. To order books call Candy Nordland 239-434-6438 (h) or 612-802-2215 (c).

The Last Week: A Day by Day Account of Jesus' Final Week in Jerusalem ~ This Lenten book study will discuss Dr. Marcus Borg and Dr. John Dominic Crossan's book with the same title. Join our Associate Minister, Rev. Cathy O'Connell, for this six session conversation on **Tuesdays (Feb. 28 - Apr. 3) ~ 1:30 - 3:00 pm, N 101**. Cost: \$10 per book. Available in the church office. Registration: not required, all are welcome.

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"I SPY" WNL Dinner

Join us on **Wednesday, February 15th, at 5:45 pm** for a delicious Carrabbas' catered dinner, followed by a most exciting and fascinating program "Spies and Espionage, Facts vs. Fiction - 1977 to the Present", presented by Thomas L. Eastwood. Mr. Eastwood is a retired Special Agent and Executive with the U. S. Department of Defense and Department of the Treasury, and an acclaimed lecturer. He will share first-hand information on espionage, counterintelligence, interrogations, and dealing with the IRS. Sign up at the church office or following the Sunday services today and February 12th. Ticket cost is \$15, children 12 and under no charge. For further information contact Isabelle Hildreth, 262-8054, or Sara Nonken 434-6314.

Church and Synagogue: Rivals or Partners?

with Rabbi James Rudin

What is the proper relationship between church and synagogue and why does it matter? Internationally acclaimed interreligious relations leader Rabbi James Rudin's **February 16th lecture (7:00 -8:30 pm)** will be based on his latest book: *Christians & Jews – Faith to Faith: Tragic History, Promising Present, Fragile Future*. Rabbi Rudin has been affiliated with the American Jewish Committee since 1968, and writes a weekly commentary for the Religion News Service. Tickets are \$10, and can be purchased following the service or during the week in the church office.



"Women of Note"

Thursday, February 23rd at 4:00 pm in Beverly Hall, dinner to follow at a restaurant to be named. This performance features Marion Nicolay as Deaconess Harriet Bedell, who was a missionary working with the Mikosukee Indians in Everglades City during the 1930's. The Episcopal Church declared her a saint in 2009. Cost is \$10 per person.
Thursday, March 29th at 4:00 pm in Beverly Hall, dinner to follow (separate checks) at a restaurant to be named. This performance will feature Damaris Peters Pike portrays Frankie Gershwin. Cost is \$10.00 per person.



Youth Christian Education

Church School ~ meets after the 11am children's sermon in NH room 204.

Junior Disciples ~ will not be meeting this week. Will meet on 2/15 at 3:30pm.

Youth Group ~ we will meet at 1pm today at Hollywood Theaters to see "Big Miracle". Please let Nancy know if you are attending.

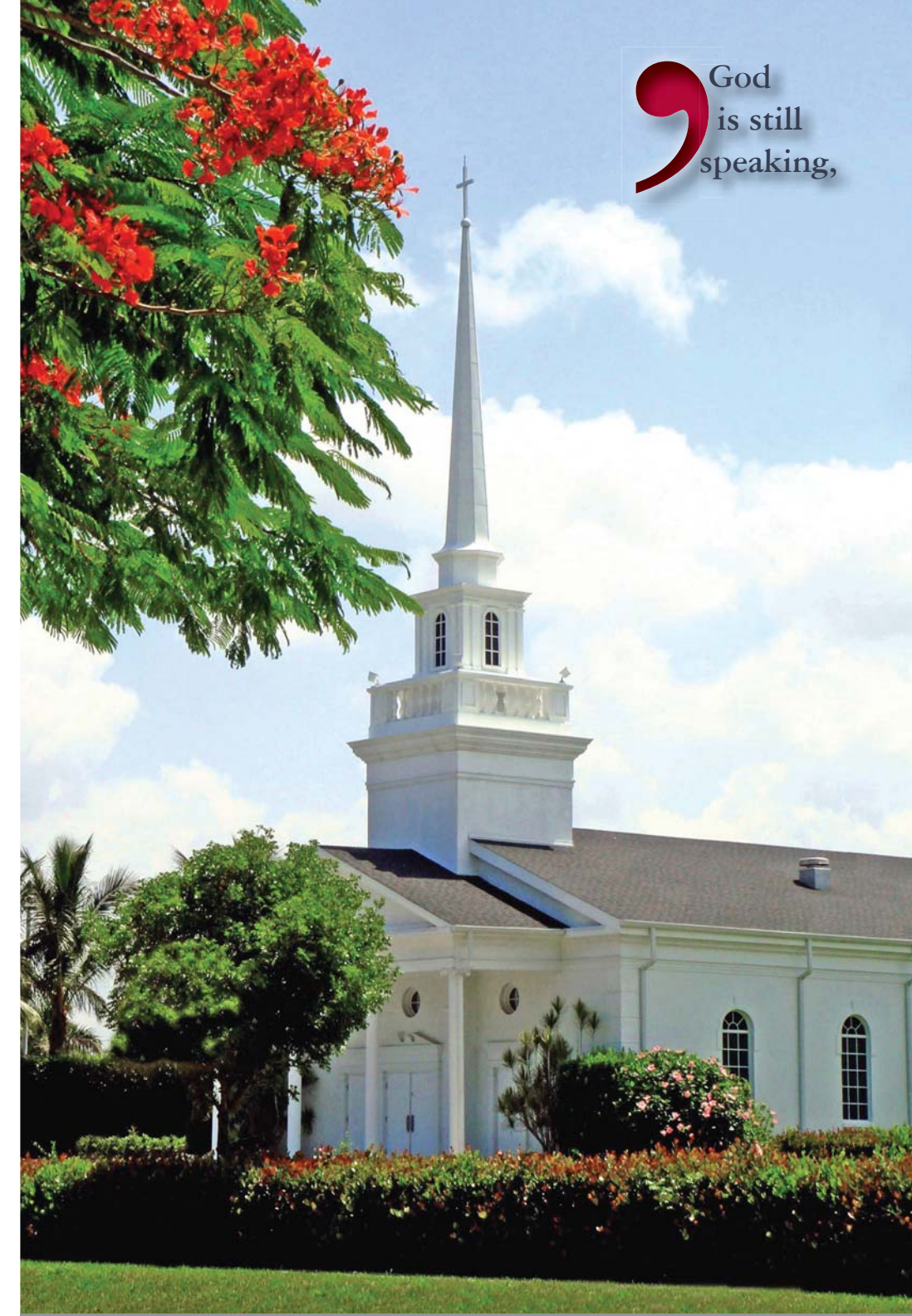
Confirmation Class ~ tonight at 5pm for all 8th grade students.

Nursery Care ~ for infants and toddlers is available during worship and is located just outside the south Sanctuary doors. There is also a Cry Room available to parents who wish to stay with their child and observe the service.

Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. Ronald Patterson, Senior Minister
Rev. Catherine O'Connell, Associate Minister
Rev. Beverly Duncan, Assistant Minister
Rev. Luvvy Kovacik, Assistant Minister
Dr. Becky Weese, Director of Music
Dr. Greg Smith, Director of Adult Education
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Our Mission Statement:

Where all are welcome all the time in community with God
Growing by Loving—Sharing God's Story—
Making the Journey



The Worship of God

February 5, 2012 ~ 9:00 and 11:00 am

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

As the Prelude begins, you are invited to seek God's peace for your life in silent meditation and prayer. Please be considerate of those around you.
*Those who are able please stand.



PRELUDE

"The Tallis Cannon"
(Handbell Choir)

"On Holy Ground"
(Rebecca Richardson, soloist)

Geron Davis

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE: # 411 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: We gather before you, O God, seeking good news for our lives. We seek peace, for ourselves and for our world, knowing that you are the giver of peace. We seek hope, knowing that you comfort us in our pain and guide us in our indecision. We seek renewal, knowing that you will accept us and guide us in the way of truth. Set your loving purpose upon us, that others might find us caring and serving and letting the light of your love shine. May we rejoice and live in fuller ways, following the path of Jesus, who taught us to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A HYMN: #395 "The Bond of Love"
(Please Remain Seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM) Nancy Van Fleet

FRIENDSHIP MOMENT, OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Exultate, justi" (Psalm 33: 1-3) Viadana
(Sanctuary Choir)

CALL TO PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 3:21-26 (NT pg. 160)

SERMON "The Sin and Guilt Thing, It Just Didn't Work For Me"
Ron Thompson

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentences and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "How Can I Keep from Singing" Arr. Anne Krentz Organ
(Rebecca Richardson, Pamela Jimenez, & Melissa Vitrella, soloists)

The Lord's Supper

At this table all are welcome guests. Jesus is our host. We hold the bread and cup until all are served and then we commune together. Our cups contain grape juice. The gluten free wafers in the center of each bread plate are for those with wheat allergies.

The Invitation

The Prayer of Blessing

The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread

"I Waited for the Lord" Mendelssohn
(Pamela Jimenez & Jessica Van Ord, soloists)

The Giving and Sharing of the Cup

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Arr. Greg Scheer
(Rebecca Richardson, Pamela Jimenez, & Melissa Vitrella, soloists)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*RECESSIONAL HYMN: # 715 "Now Let Us from This Table Rise"
TALLIS' CANNON

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation" Arr. James Pethel



Greeting: 9:00 am: Jim and Eleanor Hughes;
11:00 am: Bruce and Merrilee Langton

Ushers: 9:00 am: Barbara Converse, *Head Usher*; Roger and Sandy Terry, Art Robins, Richard Ryder, Charlie and Marsha Arthur, Davey Scoon, Marcia Daily, Delores Tiede

11:00 am: Bob Miller, *Head Usher*; Jan Hakes, Jennifer Rainey, Ruth Himburg, Pamela Oliveira, Beverly Roese, Pat Weidner, Carolyn Hickman, Joyce Agnew, Richard Ryder, Jean and Bob Partridge

The Stephen Minister: 9:00 am: Marcia Daily; 11:00 am: Louise Brown

If you have a concern and would like a word of prayer or quiet conversation, stop by the parlor after the service for a visit with today's Stephen Minister. The parlor is to the right as you are leaving the sanctuary.

Staffing the Kiosk: Lynda and Jon Christensen

The chancel flowers were donated by Sallie and Pete, "In honor of their wedding anniversary".

The pulpit flowers were donated by Nancy Thurston, "In honor of Les's 90th birthday".

Our soloist this morning is graciously underwritten by the music gift fund.

DVDs from today's service are available for \$5. Please fill out the order envelope located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate or in the basket outside the Sanctuary doors. They are available the next day in the church office and are filed alphabetically. If you would like it sent to you, please call Ralph at 239-595-7590.



The T-Loop (Telecoil Loop) Hearing System is now installed in the Sanctuary. If your hearing aid is equipped for the T-Loop, please let us know how it is working for you. Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex.

Special Upcoming Services

Kirkin O' The Tartans ~ The annual Kirkin Sunday at NUCC will take place at **both services next Sunday, February 12th.** The Saint Andrews Society of SWFL along with Don Goller's bag pipe band will be participating. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday Service ~ Begin the Lenten Season with prayer, reflection, fellowship and beautiful choral music. Join us in the Sanctuary on February 22nd at 5:00 pm for our annual Ash Wednesday Service of Healing and Anointing. A special Ash Wednesday service for children will be held in the Chapel at 5:45 pm. These will be followed by a meal of Soup for the Soul. Call the church at 239-261-5469 to make your meal reservations. We also need help with the meal prep and clean up.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion, The Eucharist, The Lord's Supper

The United Church of Christ (UCC) uses these terms interchangeably to stress various traditions about our sharing of the Bread and the Cup. NUCC also makes room for a range of beliefs about the sacrament of communion. This can include the sharing of a memorial meal in remembrance of Jesus or the sharing of the bread and the cup as a tangible way to express our oneness as a faith community. Individual beliefs may stress that Christ is symbolically present in the bread and cup or that the real presence of Christ is present in the elements. As a tradition which stresses the "freedom of the individual conscience", NUCC welcomes such diversity. The Communion Table welcomes all who accept one another as sisters and brothers in Christ. Our theological differences strengthen rather than divide our community when together we recognize that God's love transcends our human ideas and preferences. As you receive Communion today, reflect on its meaning for you.

Welcome Visitors

Naples United Church of Christ is united by our love of Christ and one another and a desire to care as Jesus cared. We stress freedom of conscience and local autonomy, celebrating a tradition which arrived on this continent on the Mayflower and with other early settlers. We honor the beautiful diversity of our world. We cherish our mission partnerships in Naples and around the globe. From the Ebenezer School in Honduras to local efforts, our gifts and hours multiply the love of Jesus. With 5,700 other UCC congregations and partner denominations we embrace the idea that "God Is Still Speaking."

Journey with us as a visitor or unite with us as a Full or Associate Member. Full and Associate Members share the same rights and responsibilities, but Associate Members choose to maintain a home church membership. Visitor information cards are in the pew racks, and can be put in the offering plate or handed to our deacons or ministers. Our next Information Brunch is **February 12th.** For more information please call Susan Pratt at the church office. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

Dear Members and Friends,

Last Sunday was Stewardship Sunday and we encourage everyone who can to send in a pledge card so that we, as a church body can be all that we can be.

Our theme for this year is from Luke 12:48 "To whom much is given much is expected." Your support will help to make a difference in our church programs and with our mission partners. Thank you for your generous support.

God Bless,

Stewardship Committee



The 2012 flower calendar is available on the reception desk. Please enter the date (or call the office) to reserve your Sunday for donating chancel or pulpit flowers.